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Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Some of the listed references are of record in parent Applications No. 09/117,154 and 09/626,015 and copies are available therein. However, all copies of the listed references are enclosed.

Applicant does not have an English translation of reference AK. Reference AK was apparently cited by the Russian Patent Office as Search Authority on an equivalent application in Turkey.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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